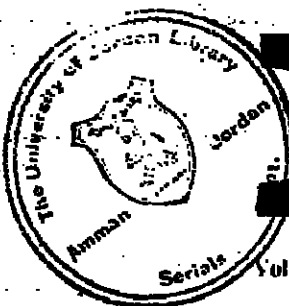


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U.S. sending force to sweep Red Sea

CAIRO. — The U.S. announced yesterday it is sending a squadron of minesweeping helicopters and a support ship to the Red Sea as Iran denied involvement in a series of underwater explosions that have damaged up to 13 vessels in the last 12 days.

Official Teheran Radio has confirmed that mines planted by the extremist Islamic Jihad (holy war) organization caused the explosions and said they were directed against the U.S., Britain and France.

Egyptian and western diplomatic sources in Cairo said Iran's applause of the explosions came close to an admission of guilt. The Jihad group is known to be backed by Iran.

But Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi yesterday emphatically denied that his country was involved in the bombings. Iran, the official Iranian news agency, reported.

A U.S. Pentagon statement said several RH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters and a support ship will be deployed in the Gulf of Suez at Egypt's request. It said the force will cooperate with the Egyptians "to carry out mine countermeasure operations designed to enhance security of navigation in the area."

American Embassy officials said the minesweeping helicopters were expected to arrive in Egypt within a week. They declined any further details.

Britain said on Monday it was "urgently considering" an Egyptian request for British minesweepers. The British navy has four such units in the eastern Mediterranean.

Egyptian Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala told reporters on Monday Egypt was also in touch with France on ways to meet the threat to Red Sea shipping.

The three western powers involved in the joint effort with Egypt were targeted by Teheran Radio in an Arabic-language broadcast on Monday that was reported by London monitors yesterday.

"Today our seas... carry the elements of death and destruction for the interests of arrogance," the radio said. "Now Washington, Paris and London will not be able to find a secure place to stand on so as to achieve their scornful goals."

The radio said the Islamic Jihad group now was "pursuing U.S. interests from one place to another, imposing surrender and incapacity as a matter of course."

A Soviet ship reported yesterday it had sighted two objects floating in the Red Sea that could have been mines, port sources in Djibouti said. They said the vessel, the Kapitän V. Trush, reported seeing two orange-coloured cylindrical objects in the sea at a position given as 19.17 degrees north, 38.05 degrees east.

South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Mohammed has condemned what he called hostile acts in the Red Sea and said his country would confront any attempts aimed at obstructing navigation in the waterway, the Aden News Agency reported yesterday.

A Taiwanese member of the crew of a Liberian-registered tanker damaged by explosions in the Red Sea is missing and presumed dead, one of his companions reported yesterday. Chen Yen-chia was last seen walking the deck when the blast occurred "and he must have fallen into the water," his companion told a reporter in the Saudi Arabian Red Sea port city of Jidda. If confirmed, this would be the first casualty from the bombings. (AP, Reuters)



Soldier and Arab look on as procession progresses towards the gate of Hebron's Jewish cemetery to bury the remains (in the urn, centre) of several Jewish prayerbooks found in a Hebron street earlier this week. (IPPA)

Kahane, Levinger, Waldman make fiery speeches

Prayerbook burial a political event

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HEBRON. — The burial yesterday of torn pages from several Jewish prayerbooks found last weekend in this town's market was turned into a political event when Jewish settlers, led by newly elected Knesset members, a deputy minister and several rabbis marched through the streets to inter the holy texts in the Jewish cemetery.

What was first claimed to be "six sacks" of desecrated pages was eventually interred in a single earthenware urn covered with a plate of

glass. Rabbi Moshe Levinger, the founder-leader of the Jewish return to the ancient City of the Patriarchs, holy to both Jews and Moslems, alleged that the pages had been torn into tiny fragments and spread over a "vast" area of the market — something like a square kilometre.

None of the speakers at the ceremony, which was as much a political rally as a religious ritual, doubted for a moment that the pages discovered on the streets of Hebron late last Friday were desecrated deliberately by Arab residents of the city. One veteran settler, however, said that

the pages came from four or five prayerbooks and Bibles discarded by a second hand dealer in the city's flea market.

Yesterday's ceremony began inside the Cave of the Machpela, where, according to tradition, Adam and the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Eve and the Patriarchs Sarah, Rebecca and Leah are buried. The building is also a mosque revered by Moslems, and large numbers of Israel Defence Troops and Border Policemen were on hand to prevent incidents. The tomb itself

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'Election economics' pushed up gov't deficit

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Election economics jacked up the government's deficit by some \$346 million in annual terms during the second quarter of the fiscal year.

This emerges from a document presented yesterday by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to the Ministerial Economic Committee.

The committee met to approve the adjustment of the budget figures for the second quarter of the fiscal year, as required by the Budget Law. The

law calls for the Treasury to adjust the budget every three months in keeping with the anticipated rate of inflation.

The ministry document calls for a 45 per cent upwards revision of the budget figures to bring them in line with the average prices for the July-September period.

Officially, the Treasury described the adjustment as a "technical" move which would leave the budget sums at the same level in real terms as the original budget.

But despite this contention, the budget approved by the committee contains a figure of IS233 billion as government excess of expenditure over revenue for the current fiscal year. At IS278=\$1 exchange rate used by the Treasury to adjust the budget, this means that government overspending is now about \$840m, as compared to about the \$534m. in the original budget approved by the Knesset in March.

Cohen-Orgad informed the ministers (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Israeli ship due after Red Sea delay

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Israeli freighter *Morot* has been permitted to proceed to Eilat after it was ordered Monday not to enter the Red Sea. The ship, sailing from South Africa, will arrive in the southern port city today or tomorrow.

It was learned that the order was given as a precaution against the mysterious mine explosions which have damaged as many as 13 foreign ships in the Red Sea during the past week and a half.

This was the first change in the schedule of Israeli ships which sail through the Red Sea to and from South Africa and the Far East. The

Moran is owned by the Tarshish Shipping Company of the Kibbutz Hame'uhad Movement and is operated by Zim.

In Jerusalem, Transport Minister Haim Corfu yesterday met with officials of the Ports Authority to discuss what effect, if any, the bombings are having on Israeli shipping and port activity.

Israeli shipping is a minor factor in the Red Sea traffic now jeopardized by marine mines. Only the Zim company runs a Red Sea service from Eilat. There are no other Zim ships now in the Red Sea.

So far no special measures have been taken by Zim, which maintains routine radio contacts with all its ships throughout the world.

Iraqi missile hits ship off Kharg

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — An Iraqi-launched Exocet missile seriously damaged a Liberian tanker south of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal yesterday, ending a month-long lull in threats to Gulf oil shipping by the two warring countries.

The 122,945-ton *Friendship L* was struck by a missile that the second mate of the vessel described in a shore-to-ship telephone conversation as "seven metres long and one or two metres thick."

No casualties were reported among the 27 persons aboard, nine Pakistanis and 18 Greeks, including the captain and his wife. A fire aboard the tanker was brought under control and the vessel was to sail under its own power to the port of Dubai for repairs, the second mate said.

A military spokesman in Baghdad, announcing the attack, said the

Iraqi air force scored a "direct and effective hit" on a big naval target south of the Iranian oil terminal. All Iraqi planes returned safely to base after "carrying out their mission with extreme success," the spokesman said.

The attack came less than 24 hours after Iraq's First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan vowed to tighten Iraq's blockade on the Kharg Terminal to undermine Iran's war effort by preventing it from exporting oil through the Gulf.

The lull in the Iraqi attacks on Kharg had been the result only of a "new military operation plan" that was being drafted in Baghdad, Ramadan said while on a visit to Turkey.

The attack was the first reported against shipping in the Gulf since July 10, when the 133,035-ton tanker *British Renown* was hit by two Iranian missiles.

Israel to seek almost double its present U.S. aid for '85

Post Economic Reporter

Israel will present the U.S. with a \$5 billion aid request for the coming year, Treasury sources said yesterday.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Bank of Israel governor Moshe Mandelbaum are due to visit the U.S. at the end of September and will submit the request, the sources added.

This year Israel will receive \$2.6b. in aid from the U.S., all in outright grants. The military-aid portion of this amount is \$1.4b., while the re-

mainder is civilian aid. This is a marked improvement over past years, when the military aid was given as loans.

The ninth round of Israel-U.S. talks on a free-trade-zone agreement opened yesterday in Jerusalem. Both sides indicated they would try to finish the negotiations by the September 19 target date.

Both sides admit that several obstacles remain, namely the timing for the abolition of customs duties and the question of subsidies for Israeli exports.

Top IDF officer said to be resigning after probe

Tat-Aluf Amos Baram, head of staff administration at the Israel Defence Forces Manpower Branch, will quit the IDF following a military police investigation, Israel Television reported last night. Military sources were checking the story.

The television report said the IDF judge advocate-general is considering pressing charges against Baram

for exceeding his authority and misusing his position to promote officers and to release reservists from active duty by bypassing normal procedures.

During his IDF service, Baram had been assistant to the head of the staff branch and second highest ranking officer in the Northern Command.

Earthen wall built around Lebanese village

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
METULLA. — The Israel Defence Forces has bulldozed an earthen barrier around the Lebanese village of Ataloun, south of Sidon, after suspected terrorists were seen running to the village following recent attacks against IDF units in the area.

The action is regarded as a new method of punishment against villages that give sanctuary to terrorists, as local residents are able to enter or leave the village only through limited passageways.

The earthworks are also effective as barriers against attackers fleeing toward the villages.

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Jordan FM hopes Peres is 'right man'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Masri yesterday said he "certainly hopes" Shimon Peres is "the right man" to represent Israel in negotiations with Jordan.

Masri said in an interview in the *Washington Times* that he is not referring to an end to the state of war, but to total peace — including the normalization of relations — in exchange for the return of "all the occupied territories" and the evacuation of all the Jewish settlements.

The PLO, or the steps of normalization. Masri urged the U.S. to clarify its position regarding UN Security Council Resolution 242 and to support the return of the entire West Bank and the Golan Heights in return for peace.

"When Peres speaks of returning 60 to 70 per cent of the territories in negotiations with Jordan, he touches upon the problems," said Masri.

"He knows that radical action is required, but I don't know what he thinks about the rest of the area," Masri added. Masri, 42, was born in Nabulus. He is referred to in the interview as the one who is certain to be the senior Jordanian representative in negotiations with Israel.

Senator wants Republicans to condemn anti-Semitism

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Senator Alfonse D'Amato (Republican — New York), is pushing ahead with plans to persuade the Republican Party to adopt a platform statement explicitly repudiating "hated, bigotry, and anti-Semitism," despite the contention of Democratic National Committee political director Ann Lewis that the D'Amato statement represents "cynical exploitation" of the American Jewish community.

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The D'Amato statement is almost identical in wording to a proposed resolution circulated last month on the floor of the Democratic national convention in San Francisco, but never adopted.

Aides to Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale discouraged consideration of the resolution at the convention out of concern that adoption of the statement, clearly intended as a condemnation of the anti-Semitic utterances of Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, would exacerbate already serious Black-Jewish conflicts in the party.

Jewish groups pushed hard for adoption of the resolution at the convention. Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre and co-sponsor of the resolution, charged that the party's failure to adopt it proved that "the Democratic Party was afraid to address head-on the issue of anti-Semitism."

Recently, Hier expressed satisfaction that the Republicans were showing interest in including the D'Amato statement in its platform. Hier commented: "The Republicans came to me on their own. I did not call Sen. D'Amato. He called me."

Labour's left letting Peres seek 'unity'

By ROY ISACOWITZ
DAVID LANDAU
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

The Labour Party's "left-liberal flank" — Mapam, the kibbutzim, Shinui, and the Citizens Rights Movement — have carefully avoided cramping premier-designate Shimon Peres's room for maneuver by muting their reservations over a unity government with the Likud.

In separate meetings and negotiating groups yesterday, all four of these political bodies reconfirmed the "mandate" they have extended to Peres to negotiate a unity government. But they did not hide their hope that ultimately a narrow government led by the Alignment would emerge.

This hope rests on the assumptions that Ezer Weizman's Yahad (three seats) would prefer to support a Labour-led narrow government

rather than a Likud one, and that the National Religious Party too is intent on cutting its link to the Likud.

The Likud meanwhile is watching and waiting. It convenes its leadership caucus in Prime Minister Shimon Peres's office this morning to plan its future moves.

Senior sources in Mapam said last night that their party would agree to a freeze of the present religious "status quo." They said the NRP fully realizes what a major concession this would be for Mapam — and the religious party would therefore regard it, correctly, as a significant achievement for the religious camp.

The "status quo" has shifted towards religious positions on several issues during the past seven years of Likud-religious partnership in government.

The Mapam sources noted that the NRP, in its meeting with Alignment

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Mapam gives green light

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment yesterday hurdled over a potential stumbling block when Mapam, the Labour Party's junior partner, gave prime minister-designate Shimon Peres the green light to continue negotiations with the Likud for the establishment of a national unity government.

The Mapam decision, which was reached during a secretariat meeting on Monday night, was announced to the Labour Party leaders during a five-hour meeting yesterday morning. It allows Peres to continue his negotiations with the Likud without fear of a Mapam breakaway at this stage — and deprives the Likud of a source of hope for an Alignment split.

The decision, as announced by party secretary-general Victor Shemtov after yesterday's meeting, was that it would support Peres in his attempts to form a stable government based on the Alignment's principles. Peres, in other words, speaks

on behalf of all the Alignment's constituent factions.

But the support is conditional. Mapam sources last night stressed that at this stage, Peres has full authority to negotiate in the name of the whole Alignment. Mapam will decide whether to participate in a national unity government only when such a government is actually agreed upon.

Alignment sources said that Mapam's decision is important in that it should put an end to the Likud's hopes for a split in the Alignment. The decision "deprives (Likud MK) Ronnie Milo of any reason for hope," Mapam MK Elazar Granot said last night.

Yesterday's meeting was conducted in a "frank and friendly atmosphere," participants said. But clear differences of opinion were apparent in the approaches of the two sides. While Mapam sees the national unity negotiations as only a tactic — "and a waste of valuable time," according to one participant —

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Some 25,000 jobless expected by end of year

By AARON SITTNER

Between 22,000 and 25,000 Israelis will be jobless by the end of this year. Employment Service director Baruch Haklai fears. And one of the most unpleasant aspects of this situation will be that young people just out of school or university may find themselves starting on their "careers" with a period of extended unemployment.

Haklai, who earlier this month reported a 20 per cent increase in job-seekers during July (compared with June), sounded his warning about the year-end jobless rate at a meeting with his top aides this week. The meeting discussed the effects on

employment expected from the imminent budget cuts, a freeze on government and public sector hiring and a halt to new orders by government agencies.

Employment Service statistics show that the job market began to deteriorate last October. Before then, the country's employers would report on plans to lay off an average of 300 workers per month and these would easily be placed in other jobs.

Beginning in October 1983, however, the notices of planned dismissals increased in volume. At first they ranged at about 600 per month. By the beginning of this year, the average number of planned layoffs

each month stood at 1,000.

Haklai said: "The government policy of a freeze on hiring and spending will force workers in the services to look for production-type jobs, especially in export industries. And the policy is also to encourage incoming members of the labour force to head straight for industry."

"However, this process is not a mechanical one. It requires time — and that means months rather than weeks. People will come under pressure, and the Employment Service must gear itself right now for hard times."

"At the end of 1983 there were 11,000 unemployed people in this

country. At the end of this year, the number is expected to double or even reach 25,000."

Meanwhile the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry has launched a vocational training-retraining subsidy scheme, which it hopes will allay the difficulties many people will encounter as layoffs increase.

Under the scheme, the Employment Service will send job applicants to factories for apprenticeship, with the plant receiving up to IS20,000 per month per applicant for the training. This arrangement would last for six months, with the trainee's output during the period belonging to the company.

IDF psychologists gear troops for Lebanon

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV — One of the duties of the Israel Defence Forces Artillery Corps psychologists is to prepare soldiers for service in Lebanon. Artillery Corps commander Tat-Aluf Oded Tira told reporters here yesterday.

Tira commented on the anxiety felt by new artillery recruits when being sent to Lebanon. These soldiers were subsequently interviewed by Medical Corps psychologists. It was then

decided, said Tira, to assign psychologists to the Artillery Corps to help detect such problems at an early stage and to help guide instructors in basic training and at the battalion level.

Tira said recruits are now taken to meet veteran soldiers, who tell them what to expect. The assumption is that the recruits' anxiety would be lessened once they knew what they are about to face, he said. Since the psychologists began their work, "We find few problems related to a soldier's adaptability to service in Lebanon," said Tira.

Tira, who was meeting with reporters on the eve of tomorrow's Artillery Corps Day, said the Lebanese issue was also the reason cited by soldiers in refusing to volunteer for officer training or to sign up for an extra year of service.

However, Tira said, the Lebanese issue is often used as an excuse. There are few who are sincere about the ideological question and in many cases soldiers merely want to complete their compulsory service and to continue their education. The dimensions of the problem have been reduced considerably, he said.

Artillery Corps uses high technology for fighting, training

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new system for detecting the location of enemy artillery batteries was unveiled yesterday on the eve of the Israel Defence Forces Artillery Corps Day.

The system called "Igloo" employs microphones laid along a front of up to 20 kilometres. The microphones pick up the shock waves caused by the firing of enemy guns and transmit the information to a centre where the data are computed to determine where the firing came from. The time it takes the shock waves to reach each microphone

helps determine the direction and distance of the enemy batteries.

Artillery Corps commander Tat-Aluf Oded Tira said that ideally, the corps should use drones, or remotely piloted vehicles called "RPVs," to locate enemy artillery.

Igloo, which is manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries, can take into account meteorological reports, as weather can distort the input picked up by the microphones.

A meteorological system used by the IDF for several years but revealed only yesterday employs a hydrogen or helium balloon released with instruments that radio their

finding on temperature, humidity and pressure back to the ground. By noting the direction the balloon travels, wind direction and speed can also be determined. The Japanese balloon system, called R.D.65, is also used to help IDF gunners aim better.

Tira also said there has been an increase in the use of simulators for training purposes. Budget cuts have led to a reduction in unnecessary training. Whereas there has been no cut in the training of gunners, who must be better than the enemy to make up for his numerical superiority,

there is no need to have all the guns open up during the training of large formations, he said.

Although western-oriented Arab states have been receiving more weapons and better shells, there has been no significant change in Arab stockpiles, Tira said. He explained that western-made cannons are better than their Eastern counterparts because the West must produce more accurate products to overcome the East's numerical superiority. However, since Israel buys its weapons from the West, the IDF also benefits from the higher quality.

Military Police launch drive for road safety tomorrow

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The Military Police will launch a special 12-hour road-safety campaign on all parts of the country at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

They plan to use a wide range of radar and other electronic devices to catch Israel Defence Forces drivers who are breaking traffic laws. All offenders caught will be tried immediately.

In some places, summary courts martial will be held on the roadside near the scene of the offence.

All Military Police personnel, including officers, have been mobilized for the campaign.

The IDF does not release figures on the number of road accidents involving military personnel, but it is believed that this campaign was initiated

as part of the IDF's continuous efforts to fight road accidents.

During a recent visit to Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy was shocked to learn that the majority of soldiers hospitalized were road-accident victims.

A new Central Bureau of Statistics study shows a decrease in the number of traffic accidents and casualties during the past four years, for an annual average of about 6 per cent.

During the first half of this year, there were 6,504 road accidents, compared to 6,754 last year, a drop of 3.8 per cent. There were 199 road deaths in January-June 1984, compared to 202 in the corresponding period last year. The number of vehicles on the roads this year increased by about 8 per cent.

Iranian Jews sue Rishon in land dispute

TEL AVIV (Itim) — Four former Iranian Jews, now Israeli citizens living abroad, have filed suit against the city of Rishon LeZion, asking that it be prevented from selling lots they claim to have bought in 1970.

Rishon LeZion has not yet submitted its defence statement to Tel Aviv District Court.

According to the plaintiffs, the city in 1970 parcelled a 120-dunam area near its border with Holon and Bat Yam into plots for home construction, and offered them to Iranian Jews whom it hoped to attract to Israel.

Contracts for 99-year leases were prepared, and 108 Iranian families signed.

"The city was interested in seeing the area — which was empty because Israelis were unwilling to live there due to various faults — developed and populated by Iranian Jews, who were not aware of the environmental conditions," the claim statement says. The plaintiffs also asked for a temporary injunction against the city to keep from selling the plots.

The plaintiffs say that Rishon promised to provide the area, which is quite far from the rest of the city, with roads, sidewalks, sewerage, water and electricity, after which they were required to build. But they say the city never kept its part of the bargain.

The plaintiffs say they paid \$6,000 for each of the plots, twice their actual value at the time, with the difference supposed to cover the infrastructure work. This, together with other expenses they had to cover, would have enabled them 14 years ago to purchase similar or better rights anywhere else in the country.

They accuse Rishon LeZion of exploiting their plight to gain control of the plots, and say the city is responsible for the foot-dragging that has kept the matter from being settled all these years.

The court will schedule a hearing on the request for an injunction in the near future.

Eilat youth stabbed to death in fight

EILAT (Itim) — A 17-year-old youth from one of the Red Sea port's veteran families was stabbed to death early yesterday morning, apparently when he tried to separate two other men who were fighting.

The boy, Tiran Zino, was killed after one of the two suddenly pulled a knife before dozens of eyewitnesses at Eilat's new tourist centre, at about 1:30 a.m.

Policemen who were near the scene of the incident tried to save his life. An ambulance that came within

minutes brought Zino to Josephthal Hospital, but he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The police have arrested seven persons who they believe may be connected with the slaying, but they were still looking for the killer himself.

Roadblocks were set up at all exits from the city, and all members of the local force were mobilized. They believe that once he is found, they have enough evidence for a positive identification.



Gershon Salomon (centre, with cane) yesterday leads fellow members of the "Temple Mount Faithful" to pray opposite Moghrabi Gate, which leads to the mount (see story below). (Yitzhak Harari)

'Temple Mount Faithful' pray at Moghrabi Gate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 50 members of the "Temple Mount Faithful" staged their traditional Tisha Be'Av demonstration at the Moghrabi Gate near the Aksa mosque during prayers yesterday morning.

Before the group started its prayers, Gershon Salomon, a leader of the group, denounced the government for not permitting Jews to pray on the Temple Mount. Later, Kach leader Meir Kahane tried to get through the gate which was locked.

But he left after an argument with policemen. Salomon also asked Kahane to leave.

The crowd of thousands beneath the gate at the Western Wall seemed to ignore both Salomon and Kahane. The men's half of the wall was packed, with many of them reading the Book of Lamentations in the traditional manner of sitting on the floor. There were far fewer women in the women's section but most of them were sitting on the floor with their backs against the seats of chairs.

4 Kach supporters deny charges against them

TEL AVIV (Itim) — Four supporters of Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach movement yesterday denied charges that they had disrupted a press conference called by residents of Umm al-Fahm to protest against the movement.

Tel Aviv Magistrates Court Judge Drora Pipel ruled that the four will be tried later.

The four are Eliahu Adir of Tel Aviv, Yehuda Misk of Jaffa, Uriel

Wahab of Rosh Ha'ayin and Haim Yosef of Givatayim.

Pipel turned down the request of the fifth accused, Doron Wilner, also of Tel Aviv, that his trial be separated from that of the others. He had argued that he had been trying to protect the Umm al-Fahm people from the Kach supporters. The police representative had asked that all five be tried together.

Victim's family sues accused murderer

TEL AVIV (Itim) — The family of Ya'acov Alterovitz, murdered outside his house in Tel Aviv 1½ years ago, has filed a 152 billion damages suit against the man charged with the crime, Gil Ben-Gal.

Plaintiffs in the suit, filed in Tel Aviv District Court, are Alterovitz's widow, Sarah, his mother, Rivka, both dependents of the deceased, and his brother, Yehuda, who claims to have received support from him. A defence statement has not yet been filed.

Alterovitz, who worked for the brokerage firm of Moritz and Tucher from May 1975 until his death, also held several numbered accounts, in partnership with Ben-Gal, with a total worth of some \$2.6 million, according to the state attorney.

The plaintiffs in the civil suit allege that Ben-Gal took \$800,000 of the joint money, half of which they say should go to them as Alterovitz's

legal heirs. They also say that he transferred large sums of money to various banks abroad, and want IS350,000 from these funds.

They say that Alterovitz learned about Ben-Gal's shenanigans with their money, and that when Ben-Gal learned of his partner's knowledge, he decided to kill him or have him killed.

Ben-Gal and Ronen Shani are charged in the criminal case with murdering Alterovitz on February 20, 1983. Shani is also named as a formal defendant in the civil suit. Both are being held in jail until the end of their trial.

The plaintiffs also asked for a temporary order to attach Ben-Gal's property, including money he allegedly transferred to his father, an apartment he owns in Tel Aviv, his share in a restaurant there and any money and other rights held for him by the Credit Suisse bank in Geneva. A hearing on the request is scheduled for tomorrow.

Tel Aviv murder victim remains unidentified

TEL AVIV (Itim) — The police have been unable to identify the body of a male stabbing victim found on Saturday night on a Ben Yehuda St. sidewalk here.

A witness said she saw a light-haired youth chasing the victim into a stairwell. The attacker stabbed him there and fled. The victim staggered

out to the sidewalk, and policemen and the Magen David Adom were called to the scene. Doctors were unable to save the man.

The victim is described as having been between the ages of 25 and 30 and 170 centimetres tall, with dark complexion, dark eyes, short, wavy black hair and a receding hairline. He had a gold upper bridge in his mouth. He was wearing white "Bingo" swim trunks, a green t-shirt and blue rubber sandals. Anyone with information pertaining to the victim's identity is asked to call (03) 627222 or 627253.

'Matchmaker' barred from leaving country

TEL AVIV (Itim) — A man who sought what was supposed to be a successful matchmaking agency — and found to his chagrin that it was apparently a pimping service — yesterday won a court order barring the original owner from leaving the country.

Shalom Salem of Ramat Gan told the Tel Aviv District Court that he had paid \$8,000 as a down payment to Miri Rotem, also of Ramat Gan, for her agency, Lev Ehad (One Heart). He said Rotem had told him the agency, in Rehov Bialik, was well established and had a turnover of about \$5,000 per month.

However, when he took possession of the office, Salem said he

found the true nature of the business to be "arranging immoral meetings" and "mediation for the purpose of prostitution."

Salem told the court he intends to file suit to annul the purchase contract and applied for a court order when he heard that Rotem was intending to leave the country for good. Judge Shulamit Wallenstein issued the order against a \$1,000 bond posted by Salem.

CARMIEL — A total of 361 families have moved to the Galilee town of Carmiel from the centre of the country during the first three months of this year.

54 American kids join Israelis at Afula summer camp

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NIR HA'EMEK — "It's hot and there are lots of flies. The food is funny and the toilet paper's real rough. But it's so much fun that the good is much better than the bad," a group of North American teenagers agreed yesterday.

With a group of Israelis their own age, they are completing a four-week Israel Friendship Camp, held in this Wizo agricultural school outside Afula. They will spend a week touring the Negev before going home.

"The only complaint we've got is that it's coming to an end," is the enthusiastic consensus.

The camp is the first to be held by Interlocken, an experimental international learning organization based in New Hampshire, which since its founding in 1961 has held similar camps in many foreign countries, including in China in 1982.

The Israeli experiment was proposed by Edgar Bronfman, the Canadian businessman and President of the World Jewish Congress, who personally joined the kids for a day when they got started.

The camp got the run of the facilities of this school, including its horses for riding lessons. It comprises 34 boys and girls from Canada, 20 from the U.S. and 45 from Israel, all aged 12 to 17.

The overseas campers had to pay \$1,175 each, excluding air fare, a little more than for a private summer camp in the U.S. Scholarships, however, made it possible to "have a good mix" from all walks of life, camp director and Interlocken ex-

ecutive director Richard Hermann said.

The idea is to bring children from different nations and social strata together in friendship, and, in this case, to give the American youngsters a personal meeting with life in Israel and their own Jewish heritage. He noted that most of them come from non-observant families, mainly unaffiliated with Jewish organizations.

Hermann's deputy, Rabbi Michael Paley, a 32-year-old graduate of a Jerusalem yeshiva and the

rabbi of Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, sees to the spiritual and Jewish side of the camp activities.

The camps activities include Yemite embroidery, jewelry making, Zionist history lessons, on-the-spot exploration, Israeli folk dancing and a genealogy project, which took them to Beth Hatofotsoh, "to find out where their forebears came from."

Yesterday a few kids were riding horses, some were putting finishing touches on their embroideries, and one group was preparing for the musical finale with a "friendship"

scheme based on Noah's Ark, incongruously practising *Singing in the Rain* in bone dry Afula, where it won't rain for months to come.

One of the high spots was a series of "exploration tours." The camp split up into groups of 10, which took buses to various places, including Safad and Kibbutz Degania. The aim was to meet people, starting with the other bus passengers.

One group had an extra taste of Israel, when a suspicious object was discovered on the bus just outside Haifa. They watched as Police sap-

pers exploded it. "It wasn't a bomb, but they don't take chances," one said.

The camp is run by Interlocken's own staff of 25 and it has been such a success, in Hermann's — and the kids' — opinion, that he intends to run a similar one next year, and to put up a permanent camp in Israel. It will be used the year round, with children from the southern hemisphere coming during Israel's winter.

If anything, Hermann found the facilities "too soft," because kids in camps "want to rough it. When the permanent site is acquired, he said, "we'll want the kids to build most of the facilities themselves as part of the project." "Fooling around in Afula" was of course a routine for the campers, and they particularly remembered a meeting with 20 Ethiopian children. They communicated despite the language barrier, though all the kids have picked up some Hebrew expressions.

"Beseder," "nu shlomcha" and "kef" are just some of them, a group of them even decided "to become religious." They were not too worried that the poor mail system kept them pretty well apart from their parents, except for occasional phone calls, mercifully few, because the phones in the Afula area are not too good either.

Now that the ice has been broken, with the first lot of kids recruited through advertisements in *The New York Times*, Hermann believes that there will be no trouble filling the camp in the future. It may even be harder to be accepted than rejected, he said.



World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman shares a meal with American and Israeli youngsters at a joint summer camp, which concludes near Afula this week. (Catherine Coulson)

U.S. conman, 60, is remanded for seven days

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A 60-year-old American citizen, Michael Pollak, was remanded into custody for seven days yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrates Court Judge Avigdor Salton on suspicion of swindling a wealthy local family out of a large sum of money, swindling a bank and a travel agency, and failing to pay hotel bills.

The Tel Aviv Police Fraud Division detectives told the court that Pollak is wanted by Interpol in Switzerland, France, England and other countries for similar offences. They told the court that Pollak is suspected of meeting two wealthy brothers and their families from Netanyahu in a luxury hotel in Eilat last year. He presented himself as the deputy manager of a large American bank. After winning their confidence, he gave them "secret information" about stocks in a Vaduz Liechtenstein company, which, he said, were about to soar sharply. He received \$18,000 from them and disappeared.

It was later learned that Pollak had failed to pay the travel agency for a chartered plane, received IS100,000 from a Discount Bank branch in Netanyahu under false pretences and had not paid hotel bills, police said.

The police said that Pollak is not cooperating with his questioners to the extent of not giving them his version of what happened.

Kadesh Barnea recognized as moshav

By LIORA MORIEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NITZANA — The large sign hand-painted by the settlement's young farmers is no longer up, but Kadesh Barnea, near the Nitzana border crossing point with Egypt, has just been recognized as a moshav and joined the Moshav Movement last week.

After several years of struggling with government ministries for the right to settle near the Biblical Kadesh Barnea (now in Egyptian territory), where the children of Israel camped on their way back to Canaan, the moshav's 16 families have won the fight. However, the agricultural settlement's name is still a bone of contention, as the authorities would rather the place be called Nitzana.

For two years, the settlement put up hand-painted signs, which the authorities more-or-less promptly removed. Now there is no sign, and the farmers are waiting for government agencies to build their permanent quarters across the road.

Man held for impeding murder probe out on bail

TEL AVIV (Itim) — A man suspected by the police of obstructing the investigation into the presumed murder of Orly Biton yesterday was ordered released on IS250,000 bail by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court.

Biton, 25, of Bat Yam, disappeared following a party 2½ years ago and is presumed to have been murdered. The police have arrested two men suspected of her murder, and arrested David Beinman, 26, of Bat Yam, as a potential material witness.

The police maintained that Beinman had been at the party on the night of the presumed murder. Beinman told the court he had not been at the party and asked to be examined by a lie detector. He also complained, to the court that he had been held in jail for three days only as a means to pressure him into saying things he did not wish to say.

Judge Avigdor Salton agreed and ordered him released on bail.



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Over 100 killed

Sri Lanka raids Tamils

NEW DELHI — More than 100 persons were killed and a town on the north coast of Sri Lanka was set afire Monday when the Sri Lankan Navy launched a retaliatory raid against Tamil separatist guerrillas, *The Times of India* said yesterday.

The newspaper, citing "unofficial reports" in a dispatch from the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo, said more than 100 civilians, including guerrillas, were killed in the shelling. The other dead were servicemen, it said. *The Times* identified the town as Valvetiturai, which it described as "the favourite smuggling point with south India" for illicit traffic by Tamil groups who advocate a separate state for the Sri Lankan minority.

The Colombo government has charged that the south India coastal state of Tamil Nadu is used as a haven and staging area by the terrorist groups operating in northern Sri Lanka.

The latest flare-up between the Sri Lankan military and the secessionist rebels was touched off by a guerrilla ambush of a navy patrol near the

coastal city of Jaffna on Saturday. The authorities said at least 40 persons were killed in five clashes since then.

Curfew-like conditions — meaning not officially declared — were imposed on the entire Tamil-dominated Jaffna region, with citizens ordered to stay indoors during military operations against suspected terrorists.

The Tamils, who make up 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 15 million population, are demanding a separate state to be called Eelam. Tensions between the Tamils and the majority Sinhalese have erupted frequently in civil strife, most recently in July 1983.

The separatist Tamil guerrillas have responded to a major security forces' offensive against them by attacking the biggest bank in Jaffna, the police said yesterday.

More than 50 guerrillas damaged the state-owned Bank of Ceylon around midnight with two bombs. They escaped with six guns and two empty safes, the police said. (AP, Reuters)

Solidarity leader amnestied, mother reports

WARSAW (Reuters). — A veteran Polish dissident and former leader of the now-banned Solidarity trade union, Karol Modzelewski, was freed from jail Monday under a government amnesty, his mother said.

Modzelewski, 46, is the fifth senior Solidarity activist released from prison in Warsaw since the amnesty was declared on July 21. But two, Andrzej Rozpachowski and Jan Rulowski, are still in jail in the capital.

Modzelewski was expelled from

the Communist Party in 1964 and sentenced to three-and-a-half years in prison after he wrote an open letter accusing the party of betraying workers' interests.

Released in 1967, he later served a full three-and-a-half years for organizing student protests in March 1968.

A historian by training, Modzelewski was a Solidarity leader in the southwestern industrial city of Wrocław before he was interned under martial law.

Afghan guerrillas in heavy attacks on Soviet units

NEW DELHI. — Anti-Marxist guerrillas mounted a heavy retaliatory attack against Soviet and Afghan troops in northern Afghanistan, killing more than 100 soldiers and damaging several vehicles, western diplomats said yesterday.

Soviet troops, meanwhile, killed about 300 civilians last week in heavy bombings of the southern Shomali region in the third continuous week of the offensive, said the diplomats.

In the strategic northern Panjsher Valley, Islamic rebels killed about 100 troops in night-time, hit-and-run attacks in 10 days of heavy fighting, the diplomats said. Several reports from the area said the Soviets have tried to destroy the economic base of the valley by destroying crops and livestock.

The diplomats, quoting reports from Kabul, said Soviet and Afghan Army losses in the Panjsher for the

last 20 days of July were estimated at 160 men dead and about 20 tanks and trucks destroyed.

They said fighting south of the capital in the Logar Valley indicated Soviet forces were trying to regain control of the road leading through Logar to the eastern provinces bordering Pakistan.

A column of more than 100 Soviet vehicles left Kabul for Logar on July 29, presumably to engage guerrillas trying to regroup in the area, and had not returned to the capital by Sunday, they added.

Meanwhile, Babrak Karmal, president of the Soviet-installed Marxist regime, returned to Kabul on Friday after a four-week stay in Moscow, the diplomats reported. Radio Kabul also announced that Prime Minister Sultan Ali Keshmand left Monday for the Soviet Union. (AP, Reuters)

Hongkong talks continue today in Peking

PEKING (AP). — Hongkong Governor Sir Edward Youde arrived in Peking yesterday for another round of talks with Chinese leaders aimed at reaching an agreement by next month on the future of the British colony, which will revert to Peking control in 1997.

The two-day meeting starting today is the 20th round of the secret negotiations. China's Communist government says it wants an agreement by September or will announce its own post-colonial blueprint for the colony.

The latest meeting is the first since British Foreign Secretary Sir Geof-

frey Howe announced in Hongkong last week that the negotiations have made substantial progress and that an impending agreement will preserve Hongkong's economic, political and legal systems after Britain's lease expires in 1997.

Howe, who visited Peking July 27-31, said Britain and China aim to initial a draft agreement before the end of September and that any pact will be detailed and legally binding.

China's repeated assertions that it will leave Hongkong's system basically unchanged for 50 years after the takeover has done little to relieve anxiety in the colony.

Flogging of Pakistani adulteress put off

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (Reuters). — The public flogging of a convicted adulteress, who would have been the first woman to be whipped under Pakistan's Islamic Laws, was postponed yesterday because of what a jail official called "excessive advance publicity."

Rabia Khatun, 30 and married, was to have received 10 lashes yesterday afternoon in central Rawalpindi. But excessive publicity and "other administrative reasons" prompted the postponement, jails

superintendent Abdul Samad Khan told Reuters.

Crowds were already gathering when the postponement was announced.

About 35 women, meanwhile, staged the first women's-rights demonstration seen in Islamabad, the capital. They protested against a draft Islamic Law on compensation for murder and other bodily crimes that they say discriminates against women. Another small group of women protested in Lahore.

Warships to escort atomic-fuel cargoes

PARIS (Reuters). — French and U.S. warships will escort a shipment of plutonium from a French nuclear reactor to Japan within the next few weeks, a government spokesman said yesterday.

The exceptional security measures will include tracking the Japanese ship and its cargo by a U.S. satellite. The spokesman denied U.S. reports that the 250 kilograms of plutonium could be used for weapons, saying its quality is sufficient for civilian purposes only.

However, for security reasons the cargo would be shipped through the Panama Canal, rather than by the Suez Canal and the Red Sea.

Kampala expels American attaché

NAIROBI (AP). — The U.S. military attaché was ordered to leave Uganda yesterday following American allegations of widespread killings by government troops, an informed source said here.

The source, who declined to be further identified, said the expulsion was tied to statements by Elliott Abrams, U.S. assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs.

Abrams has described the human-rights situation in Uganda as "horrendous" and said American efforts to stop the killings have been unsuccessful.

The attaché was identified as army Colonel Hugh Baker Jr. He was not given a deadline for leaving, said the source here.

The American ambassador to Kampala, Allen Davis, has also alleged Ugandan government leaders during informal meetings by stating he felt that the human rights situation under deposed dictator Idi Amin was better than at present.

242 quakes since Monday in western Japan island

TOKYO (AP). — A strong earthquake rattled western Japan early yesterday and the Central Meteorological Agency issued a tsunami warning for a good part of Japan's Pacific coastal areas.

National Police Agency officials said there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

The quake shook the Pacific coastal area of Kyushu Island at 4:06 a.m. (19:06 GMT Monday).

The CMA lifted the tsunami warning at 6:00 a.m. (22:00 GMT), after reporting tides as high as 18 centimetres in some areas.

Meanwhile, the CMA said a barrage of 242 quakes, ranging from minor to strong, have occurred in a mountain area in the western part of Kyushu, in southwest Japan since Monday evening.

CYPRUS. — UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar conferred in Vienna yesterday with a representative of the Turkish Cypriot community as part of his new initiative to settle the Cyprus problem. He had two similar meetings the previous day with Andreas Mavromatis, the representative of the Greek Cypriots.

Nicaragua muzzles opposition journal

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP). — The opposition newspaper *La Prensa* did not appear Monday after government censors rejected stories about political violence and other events related to the November 4 presidential election.

Carlos Ramirez, a *La Prensa* editor, said the government turned down more than 80 per cent of the stories the newspaper was planning to publish. Most of the stories were about weekend street fights and meetings held by supporters of opposition leader Arturo Cruz, he said.

The fighting occurred in Chinandega, which is 129 kilometres north-

west of Managua, and Matagalpa, which is 121km. north of the capital, and left an undetermined number of injuries.

Daniel Ortega, leader of the ruling junta, said Monday night the government will relax press censorship, restore the right to strike, and will permit people to petition authorities for release from jail.

On July 19, Ortega said he was relaxing press restriction and that only reports on national defence or the economy would be censored. Since then, however, censors have rejected *La Prensa* stories that had nothing to do with the economy or national defence.



Joaquim Cruz, of Brazil, beats Sebastian Coe of England in the 800 m. final. Earl Jones (U.S.) is third. (UPI telephoto)

Jamaica's wonderman

Post Sports Staff, and Agencies

LOS ANGELES. — Carl Lewis took another giant leap towards his goal of four Olympic goals by winning the long jump, and Joaquim Cruz of Brazil beat world record holder Sebastian Coe in Olympic record time in the 800m. final, but the hero of Monday's Olympics was a man who only came fourth in a semi-final of the 400m. He was Bert Cameron, of Jamaica, strongly tipped as a possible winner of the final.

He made an amazing comeback after he pulled up lame and hopped on one leg for a short time, about 100 metres into the race, while the rest of the field sped away.

It appeared he was out of the race, but suddenly he started running again, accelerating at a furious pace to finish fourth and to qualify for the final. Gabriel Tiaoh of Ivory Coast won the event in 44.64 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year. Cameron's time was 45.1.

He didn't want to talk to the press after the event, walking past with an ice pack on his injured thigh.

"He had a bit of a cramp," said Jamaican team doctor Herbert Elliott. "He stopped temporarily. We think everything will be all right. He was a bit upset because he had to run back so hard."

After the race, Cameron's arch-rival, Antonio McKay of the U.S., went over and shook the Jamaican runner's hand.

"I told him I hope he makes it to the finals," McKay said. "Because the best should be in the finals and he's one of the best."

Carl Lewis successfully added the long jump to his 100 metres title, but the 23-year-old American, spearhead of the U.S. drive for Olympic athletics supremacy, was jeered by sections of his own supporters when he elected to take only two of his six jumps, although he received his customary standing ovation at the medal ceremony.

The spectators were unaware that Lewis had been suffering from muscle soreness in his legs and had decided not to risk injury with the 200 metres and 4 x 100 metres relay titles still to be decided.

The crowd of 90,000 had their appetites whetted by a film on the giant video screen of Bob Beamon's mighty world record-breaking leap at the 1968 Mexico Olympics and were looking for great things from Lewis.

Lewis, the only athlete who has looked remotely like breaking his compatriot's 8.90 metres jump, leaped a highly impressive 8.54 in his first attempt, the best outdoor mark this year. But he fouled on his second and passed his remaining jumps, standing alone and impassive in his blue track suit away from his fellow competitors.

I was a little sore after the second jump and I didn't want to risk any chances," Lewis said later in a tape-recorded message played to reporters. "Many people just don't understand what it takes to run a couple of 200s in the afternoon and come back that night to jump."

Bob Beamon sat in a hotel room and watched on television as Lewis tried and failed to break the long jump record Beamon set 16 years ago. He was visibly relieved when his record remained intact.

Another Swedish winner

NORTH CONWAY (AP). — Eight-seeded Joakim Nyström, a steady, stoic Swede, bedevilled aggressive Tim Wilkison of the United States with passing shots to win the \$225,000 Volvo International Tennis Tournament, 6-2, 7-5.

Cubs whip Mets

NEW YORK (AP). — Jody Davis drove in four runs with a homer, a double and a sacrifice fly on Monday, leading the first-place Chicago Cubs to a 9-3 victory over the second-place New York Mets in the opener of their four-game series.

National League
Chicago 9, New York 3.
Philadelphia 4, Montreal 1.
San Diego 1, Cincinnati 0.
Atlanta 2, Los Angeles 0.
Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2.
Houston 6, San Francisco 0.

American League
Detroit 9, Boston 7, 1st game.
Boston 10, Detroit 3, 2nd game.
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 3.
Chicago 5, Milwaukee 3.
Texas 5, Toronto 3.
Minnesota 7, Oakland 4.
California 8, Seattle 4.

Medals tally

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
U.S.	25	29	27	81
West Germany	16	17	17	50
China	15	6	5	26
Canada	7	6	7	20
G.B.	6	4	10	22
Australia	1	4	8	13
Japan	5	3	6	14
Italy	4	3	4	11
Finland	4	2	4	10
France	2	2	4	8
Sweden	2	4	5	11
Netherlands	2	2	1	5
S. Korea	2	2	1	5
Mexico	1	2	1	4
Belgium	1	1	2	4
Yugoslavia	1	1	2	4
Switzerland	1	1	2	4
New Zealand	2	0	1	3
Brazil	1	1	1	3
Denmark	0	1	2	3
Norway	0	1	2	3
Austria	0	1	1	2
Greece	0	1	1	2
Colombia	0	1	0	1
Peru	0	1	0	1
Spain	0	1	0	1
Jamaica	0	0	1	1
Portugal	0	0	1	1
Taiwan	0	0	1	1
Venezuela	0	0	1	1

Israel's flying yachtsmen

Post Sports Staff
Israel's Flying Dutchman kibbutzniks, Eldad Amir and Yoel Sela, have caught a favourable wind and are flying their craft close to Israel's elusive first ever Olympics medal.

As a result of a stunning performance in the fifth race, they are now in fourth place overall, challenging strongly the American, Canadian and Brazilian crews, with two races still to go.

Their position improved dramatically when they came third in the fifth race behind the U.S. and Brazil. But their colleagues, Eytan Friedlander and Shimon Brokman, in the 470 class, are lying 11th, and their medal hopes have virtually disappeared.

Wind-gliders Yehuda Etzgi has slipped back to 14th place after finishing 21st in the latest race.

Mansdorf beaten

By TOM TUGEND
Jerusalem Post Reporter

LOS ANGELES. — Amos Mansdorf was eliminated in the first round of the Olympic Tennis Tournament on Monday in a hard-fought contest, which brought bitter Israeli complaints about alleged faulty line calls.

Mansdorf, 18, lost 2-6, 6-4 to Peruvian Carlos Di Laura Morales.

Di Laura Morales, the second-ranked player in his country, played a strong, persistent game and at no time was Mansdorf able to break his serve.

Team coach Shlomo Zoreff said that he was satisfied with Mansdorf's game, and that, with a slight slice of luck, he could have tied up the game with a second set win.

Bonanza

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Peter Ueberroth, chief organizer of the Los Angeles Olympics, has announced that the Games are growing in prosperity and popularity, and predicted Seoul, the site in 1988, may exceed the success of 1984.

"So far, so good," Ueberroth said at a news conference. He noted that crowds of spectators are dashing attendance records in almost every sport and added "We'll absolutely end up with a surplus of some millions of dollars. More than 3 million spectators have seen the games in ten days."

"The Olympics have a magic," he said. "It's not us — it's the Olympic movement." Athletes are enjoying that magic and Southern California's hospitality so much that they are staying longer than expected. "We did not anticipate that people would not be leaving. It's a pleasant problem."

Team sports

Baseball
Semi-final: Japan 2, Taiwan 1, 10 innings; U.S. 5, South Korea 2.

Basketball
Men's quarter-finals: Canada 81, Italy 72; Yugoslavia 110, Uruguay 82; Spain 101, Australia 93; U.S. 78, West Germany 67.

Team Handball
Men's: West Germany 37, South Korea 25; Denmark 26, Sweden 19; Spain 17, U.S. 16; Romania 22, Japan 22; Iceland 19, Algeria 15; Yugoslavia 25, Switzerland 11.

Field Hockey
Men's: Australia 2, U.S. 1; Spain 1, Malaysia 1; West Germany 0, India 0, tie.
Women's: West Germany 1, New Zealand 0.

Soccer
Quarter-finals: Brazil 5, Canada 3, extra time; Yugoslavia 5, West Germany 2.

Men's Volleyball
South Korea 3, Argentina 2 (15-6, 14-16, 13-15, 15-7, 15-12); Canada 3, Japan 0 (15-10, 15-8, 15-9); Italy 3, Egypt 0 (15-4, 15-7, 15-0); Brazil 3, U.S. 0 (15-10, 15-11, 15-2).

Water Polo
Championship Round: Yugoslavia 9, Austria 6; U.S. 8, Netherlands 7; Spain 8, West Germany 6, tie.

Consolation Round: China 10, Japan 4; Greece 11, Canada 8; Italy 13, Brazil 4.

India ousted
LOS ANGELES (AP). — Defending champion India, eight-time Olympic men's field hockey champions, were eliminated from gold medal contention Monday when they were held to a scoreless tie by West Germany. The defending team the West Germans into Thursday's semi-final as the group's runner-up behind Australia, which kept its record perfect with a surprising close 2-1 victory over the underdog United States. Germany and India were tied on points, but India had the better goal difference.

Clean and Jerk

LOS ANGELES (AP). — West Germany's Ralf Mitter won the gold medal on his final attempt in a dramatic finish to the Olympic clean and jerk competition. Mitter, 19, lifted 109kg, competing against three other Olympians, lifted a total of 382 kg to surpass Romania's Vasile Vasilache, who finished with a total of 382 kg.

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Mohammed Miari flanked by two Jewish party colleagues Mattityahu Peled (left) and Uri Avnery.

THE MIARI FORMULA

The Post's Ya'acov Friedler talks to the head of the Arab-Jewish Progressive List for Peace.

THE ONE THING Mohammed Miari, a newly elected Knesset member, does not insist on, is precisely the politician's *sine qua non*, holding on to his seat.

Even before he assumed that seat, as number one on the two-man Arab-Jewish Progressive List for Peace, the other is Aluf (res.) Dr. Mattityahu Peled — he told *The Jerusalem Post* he did not fear immediate new elections, and would not compromise his conditions to enable the Alignment to form a government.

He is convinced that new elections would give his controversial party, which advocates a PLO-led Palestinian state, more seats. They had had only three weeks in which to campaign after the High Court reversed their disqualification by the Central Election Committee, and another campaign would work in their favour.

The appearance of the 45-year-old Haifa lawyer, a Moslem "by accident of birth, not practice," belies the extremism of his politics, which has been marked ever since 1958, when, as a Hebrew University law student and member of the Arab students' committee, he joined the Al-Ard (The Soil) movement, which was later outlawed.

Thick-set, olive-skinned and balding, with thin-framed spectacles emphasizing a pained expression so typical of idea-mongers, he hastens to stress that his ideology of peace through the abdication of "the conquered territories" to a Palestinian state "is very realistic."

Miari was born in Birwa village, near Acre, which was destroyed during the War of Independence. His parents, three brothers and two sisters moved from village to village in Galilee until 1951, when they settled in Makor, also near Acre, where his parents still live. In 1982 he set up practice in Haifa, where his downtown office, opposite police headquarters, still sports the posters put up when it served as the party's local campaign HQ.

Most of his clients are Arabs, and he specializes in land cases. He intends, like other MKs to run his practice at weekends and take a partner to keep it going.

He has three school-age daughters

and an infant son, and his wife teaches in a Haifa Arab school. Of his three brothers, one is a leading avocado and pecan grower and another an accountant.

RECALLING the seven years of Al-Ard before it was outlawed, Miari said, "We succeeded in two things: maintaining contacts as Arabs and Palestinians, and putting Israeli democracy to the test — a test in which, he says, it failed.

He has always been politically active, serving on committees or chairing a variety of Arab organizations. Earlier this year he was a member of the delegation that went to Geneva to meet PLO Yasser Arafat.

Actually, this was Miari's second try for the Knesset. In 1965, he was number three on the Arab Socialist

"the government policy of keeping the Arabs at an inferior level for ideological reasons and an ostrich attitude of ignoring the problem."

But, he stressed, the 170,000-strong community of Israeli Arabs with many intellectuals and academics is not the same as the 150,000 poorly-educated people of 1948, he stressed.

"We now comprise 17 per cent of the population. At this election, the Arabs and Druse put 10 candidates into the Knesset, including three Jews [Matt Peled of his party and Meir Wiener and Charlie Biton of Rakah]. Don't kid yourself: they didn't get it on Jewish votes, very few voted for these parties. The Arabs have become an electoral force to be reckoned with."

MIARI HAS a simple formula for Arab-Israeli peace: "withdrawing

than what the Arabs can do for the state. He demands Arabic as an official second language; changes in the national anthem and all "national symbols" to accommodate Arab feelings; an Arab High Court judge; and the elimination of the ex-service clause for National Insurance benefits.

On the other hand, compulsory service for Arabs was "out of the question" until peace is made. "Then, if Israel declares war on, say, South Africa, we'd join," he said with a smile.

THE NEW MK Miari does not question the Jewish character of Israel, but says that "the problem of non-Jews must be solved through constitutional law and individual behaviour." He thought that the Arabs of Israel would "remain in their homeland" if a Palestinian state were created, but they would identify with it emotionally as American Jews do with Israel. "Like them, some of us might want to take dual citizenship."

While offering conditional support to the Alignment, Al-Ard would oppose any Likud-led government and though Rakah's Democratic Front "has the platform nearest to our own" they were not forgetting "it's dirty and brutal campaign against us. We can cooperate with them only if they purge Emil Habibi and Tawfik Sayyad, who instituted this school."

He added that, unlike Rakah, "we didn't run to the PLO for support in the campaign." Nor had they waited weeks for the Soviet Union's ruling before coming out against the recent Syrian-supported revolt of the PLO in Tripoli.

They would work for a dovish bloc of peace loving MKs with the CRM, Shinui and Yahad, adapting ideology to realities, "though with red lines."

"I want to force myself on Israel" as a champion of the Israeli Arabs and peace with the Arab states," declared the new MK. "We will run for the Histadrut, the teachers union, the local authorities."

Now that they had obtained legitimization, he made it clear, the Progressives were just starting to go.

came hungry. All three cars, with para-military precision, pulled up at the same time at a brilliantly lit bagel place in Flatbush proper. The men and boys in the cars carried baseball bats — all but Harry, who showed me a weapon from Okinawa made of two lengths of pipe connected by a chain.

He was a heavily-muscled young man wearing a satin Brooklyn Dodgers jacket from the old days. He seemed to have heard and remembered the radio interference for he confided in me now, swinging the Okinawan thing. "God, I wanna get a booger."

He was swinging the thing with a smart motion of his wrist, swinging it closer and closer to my face, stirring a breeze, smiling in the bright light of the bagel joint, making the pipe whistle.

"I'll feel that breeze against my face again today, and hear that whistle, when Harry's teacher takes his seat in our parliament."

commit violent crimes for allegedly political motives," he said.

KENDALL IS also worried about what he sees as another insidious threat to law and order throughout the world.

"The biggest general problem today is law enforcement. People are getting away with breaking the law. There is a psychological climate of acceptance."

"What happens is that the law loses credibility and becomes unenforceable. It's a nasty, slippery slope."

Kendall says on a brighter note that Communist countries are gradually swelling the ranks of Interpol, which had previously comprised mainly Western and Third World States.

The first to join was Yugoslavia, followed by Rumania and then Hungary. And he thinks it will not be long before the Soviet Union joins.

(Renter News Service)

I want to force myself on Israel as a champion of the Israeli Arabs and peace with the Arab states'

list, which was banned for having been founded by Al-Ard veterans. The High Court then upheld the ban.

Miari said he would concentrate on two issues in the Knesset: the Israeli Arabs and a Palestinian state, both in the cause of peace.

"The situation of the Israeli Arabs is hard, both subjectively and objectively. Land appropriations have stopped, but their impact is still felt and we fear their renewal. The government discriminates against Arab localities in funding and there has been no town planning for them. This has led to housing shortages and illegal building."

"Virtually no Arabs have risen to senior government positions, the state of our education is very poor, and our university graduates can't find suitable employment."

All these ills he lays at the door of

the forces of conquest to the 1967 borders; recognition of the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian Arabs; and the establishment of a Palestinian State in the vacated territories."

He sees no reason why such a state, alongside Israel, should not be friendly, its very creation eliminating the "mutual hostility and fear" with borders like those between Belgium and Holland, France and Germany.

If the president were to ask the Alignment to form a government, he said, "we will support it without joining a coalition, subject to 12 conditions on Israeli Arabs and a Palestinian state. We're not the Alignment's reserve team, and if they want our votes they'll pay for them."

In fact, Miari speaks of what the state can do for the Arabs rather

Harry's teacher

By EDWARD GROSSMAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter

I asked the JDL whether I could come along for the ride and was told that I was welcome.

So we were cruising that American no-man's-land after dark. There was precious little traffic in the streets except for the cabs serving the residents of Brownsville. The JDL driver, whose name I hadn't caught, who said nothing and who suffered from a facial tic, hunched over the wheel while Harry alternately worked the radio and answered my questions.

He was, he told me, a freshman at Brooklyn College.

I noticed that the black cabbies and the Jewish vigilantes both used

two-way radios. Sometimes the frequencies and conversations overlapped.

"We Jews gotta protect ourselves 'cause nobody else is gonna do it," Harry said when I asked him why he sacrificed study time to drive around like this. "That's what Rabbi Kahane teaches us."

The radio crackled, "How you doin' JDL mothafuckers?" Harry gave no sign of having heard this.

"We gotta fight back, like the Israelis do," he said.

AND SO we drove for several peaceful hours, until everyone be-

Slippery slope

By GAVIN BELL/Paris

accounts for 60 per cent of criminal activities," he says.

A notable exception is Interpol, which Kendall says spends more of its resources on tracking down illicit narcotics traffickers and dealers than on any other kind of criminal.

"It is the international crime par excellence. The drug is produced in one country, smuggled out and then consumed seven or eight countries away."

THERE IS a general international political will to combat it. Nobody argues about the evils of it. But not nearly enough is being done to stamp it out.

FROM HIS desk overlooking the rooftops of Paris to the east, Commander Ray Kendall, head of Interpol's police division, supervises the coordination of police activity in 135 countries.

There are guns scattered all over his office, in desk drawers, in display cabinets, part of a collection of some 30 pre-1880 U.S. Colt pistols.

Kendall is becoming increasingly concerned about a steady rise in drug-related crime, a pervasive threat which he feels is much greater than most people realise.

"It comes out in all sorts of ways, from a simple theft to the desperate addict resorting to violence to get more drugs," he says.

Kendall adds that a recent analysis of petty crime in Spain disclosed that more than half of it is drug-related in one or another.

"This means that there is a specific problem. Most countries devote only five per cent of their police resources to a problem which

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The ordinary man in the street, particularly the wage-earner, is struggling with two major financial problems. First, what should one do on those (few) days of the month when one does have money in one's account. Second, what should one do on the rest of the time, when one has an overdraft.

These are hardly two sides of the same coin, as we shall see. However, the first thing to note is that money-management is the most important consideration, on the personal financial level, that exists at the moment. It is not good enough, in fact it isn't been for some time, to say "I don't understand, what can I do?"

As with most other things, such as blocked drains, the vagaries of the telephone and postal service, or the increasing incidence of traffic jams, one can throw up one's hands in despair and treat the whole problem of what to do with (or without) money as a heavenly decree. This is the "Beyond Human Endeavour" school, with whom no rational discussion can take place.

If, on the other hand, one is prepared to recognize that the potential rewards and losses involved in looking after one's affairs are greater, per hour of time and effort invested, than the equivalent wages available for so-called work in that time, then a less fatalistic attitude may result.

Thus the key requirement is to adopt a determined, positive attitude from the outset. With this settled, one can proceed to one's bank.

The next stage is to learn, to obtain and absorb information. Here the banks are likely to be very helpful. They now publish newsletters for their customers, which are prominently displayed in all branches. These contain up-to-date material on the latest increase in bank charges, interest rates on both deposits with the bank and over-

draws and loans from them, and any other changes in services recently introduced.

Further information can be obtained from the media, both printed and electronic, although this tends to be rather general, and must be verified with your particular bank regarding your own requirements.

For example, an announcement that banks are raising their service charges may sound ominous, but closer investigation may reveal that one or more banks offer reductions under certain circumstances. Conversely, the boast that a certain benefit will be available, either generally or at a specific institution, often turns out to be so hedged around with qualifications as to be almost meaningless.

All the pamphlets and other publications put out by the banks should be studied and operating conclusions drawn where relevant. There is no substitute for being well-informed, and today's situation is such that last month's informed person is this month's fossil.

Once you are as well-informed as your own efforts can make you, it is possible to open direct talks with the banks themselves. The correct procedure is to start at the lowest level of clerkdom. This leaves the maximum possible leverage for taking the matter further, if satisfaction is not obtained.

If, as a result of passing through the earlier stages of learning and self-teaching, you can demonstrate a fair background knowledge, you are likely to be treated more respectfully and answered more directly. That's how much fewer problems.

The best way of approaching the bank - or any other large institution, for that matter - is to imagine that it is a tortoise. If you charge at it, or take an aggressive attitude, it will



The Landau way of viewing the banks.

withdraw into its shell, and you will be left talking to the wall, more or less literally. What is needed is the slow opening gambit, to draw the neck out, and then, so to speak, to trap the protruding head so that it can't withdraw into the safety of the shell.

The advantage of the banks, vis-à-vis other public services, is that their personnel tend to be more intelligent, rank for rank, than the public services. This is a hangover of the time when banks paid far more than anyone else, and could thus pick the best people. Although the pay structure is changing, the personnel do not adapt that fast, and so the relative advantage still exists.

As a result, a well-spoken customer, who knows what he/she is talking about, and doesn't give the impression of being out to cause trouble for his own sake, will generally get a positive and helpful response. If, whether rightly or wrongly, a customer gets a name as a *nudnik*, then the staff will assume that he is out to make their lives a misery, and will endeavour to make his a bigger misery first.

They will give him a run-around, send him hither and thither and cause every possible delay. The only customer-type who can beat this system is the retired and super-determined person, with six to ten hours a week to spare for the exhausting war of attrition that he will have to wage in order to crack the "tortoise shell".

Beyond the tactical considerations of study and diplomacy, one should bear in mind a basic strategic approach. This is that it is far better, in the long run, to establish a good working relationship with one branch of one bank, than to shop and change every time there is a minor advantage to be gained. In the long run, each bank's individual advantages and disadvantages tend to cancel each other out, and passing gimmicks are no way to base something as important as a banking relationship on.

It is far more important to find some people whom one can trust and with whom one can build up a serious business connection, even if one is "only" a run-of-the-mill customer. Obviously, clout increases with the size and scope of one's account, but that is the bank's problem, not yours. The customers' interests are almost always the same in principle, whatever their size.

Assets of mutual funds sink to \$780m. level held in 1974

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The assets held by all the mutual funds declined by some 22 per cent in the first six months of 1984, according to the Meitav financial consulting firm.

If their total value was approximately \$1 billion at the beginning of this year (compared to some \$3b. at the beginning of 1983, before the stock market and the bank shares collapsed), the total value on June 30, 1984 was only \$780m. This puts the total assets of all the funds back to the same level it was in 1974 - ten years ago.

Meitav also points out that despite the fall in the value of their assets, the funds turned in an average yield of 125.7 per cent in these six months. This is slightly more than the 121.8 per cent estimated for this period, and still more than the 119.4 per cent devaluation of the shekel compared to the dollar.

Thus, the failure of the funds to

preserve the real value of their assets was not the main reason why investors liquidated their holdings in them.

During these six months, the composition of the funds changed. While at the end of 1983 some 27 per cent of holdings were in foreign currency, the figure today is 44 per cent (but this includes the bank shares which are pegged to the dollar). Also, the percentage of index-linked bonds fell from 59 to 45 per cent, while the percentage of the free shares fell from 14 to 11 per cent.

Bank Leumi increased its total holdings in the assets of these funds from 42.2 to 44.4 per cent. Bank Hapoalim's share fell from 22.9 to 22.5 per cent (and the fall would have been greater if its affiliate, the American-Israel Bank, had not founded three funds. The share of the Discount Bank remained almost stable at 18.7 per cent of the assets as compared to 18.6 per cent at the end of 1983.

Overcharging on a bottle of wine

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Hotels charge for a bottle of wine more than double the price recommended by the producer, Carmel Mizrahi. They refuse to lower their prices even when they purchase the wine at a discount. Carmel marketing director Gadi Lustig said here last week. He was speaking on the occasion of the publication by the Rimini food chain and Carmel Mizrahi of a glossy quarterly about the food chain in Israel and abroad.

"We lower the wine prices so that the hotels will do the same, but they jack up the prices without any proportion," he said. He noted that the hotels buy the wine at \$600 to \$700 a bottle and sell it for close to \$12,000, while some restaurants and

hotels even charge \$12 a bottle.

The Rimini food chain consists of more than 50 restaurants in Israel and some 50 eating establishments abroad. Chain owner Manfred Katz plunged into the food business 27 years ago when he opened the Tatra restaurant. Later he began manufacturing frozen pizza and has since established Italian restaurants all over the country.

The quarterly, which is called *Rimini Gastronomy*, cost about \$11,000 to launch and is intended to provide restaurant owners and people in the food business with information about food exhibitions and developments in the trade.

The chain's latest opening is the Ricci restaurant and the Balloon ice cream parlour on the sea-side promenade here.

U.S. trade deficit hits new record

WASHINGTON (AP). - The U.S. foreign trade deficit hit a record \$26.3 billion from April through June as agricultural sales dropped sharply and the nation's appetite for foreign oil grew, the government said this week.

The new three-month record topped the former high mark of \$25.6b. set in the first three months of this year and came as Democratic presidential challenger Walter Mondale seeks to make the trade deficit a political liability for Republican President Ronald Reagan.

The deficit run up during the first six months of the year would translate into \$103.8b. for the entire year - far exceeding last year's record total of \$61.1 billion.

Mondale has sought to gain support from organized labour in next

November's election by promising to erect trade barriers to protect U.S. jobs.

He says Reagan's economic policies have priced American goods out of the world market and have given 3 million of the United States best jobs to workers overseas.

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AIRLINE BRIEFS

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Australia's QANTAS, SINGAPORE AIRLINES, LUFTHANSA, KLM and PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES reported profits in their latest balance sheets but Greece's OLYMPIC AIRWAYS, Spain's IBERIA and BRANIFF of the U.S. reported losses. AIR FLORIDA has cut its work force by one third, sold four of its 15 aircraft and filed for protection from creditors. AIR AFRIQUE, owned by several West African countries, has prepared plans to reduce staff and salaries, and to sell one aircraft to curb its losses.

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AERO MEXICO, one of that country's two major airlines, has appointed El Al's subsidiary - Teshet - as its general agent in Israel. Teshet has opened an office in the El Al building on Rehov Ben Yehuda in Tel Aviv.

IBERIA recently marked the first anniversary of its operations in Israel. Its manager, Carmen Asin Cabrera said that in view of the success of this route the company increased the number of its flights from two a week to three.

EL AL has appointed company secretary Eli Ben-Yisrael to serve

also as its senior vice president for coordination.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS has promoted Yitzhak Keren to the post of senior representative in Israel. Keren was deputy-manager and assumed his new post following the death of Alfred Ze'ev Kis.

AUSTRIAN AIRLINES said that in the past year it has managed to cut its operational costs by 20 per cent despite an increase in the number of kilometres its planes flew. The increase was particularly high on its routes to the Middle East and North Africa, including Israel.

BRANIFF has joined the airlines offering here the visit the USA schemes, beginning with a \$125 fare on a standby basis. Its network stretches from Boston and Miami in the east to San Francisco and Los Angeles in the west, but its hub is in Dallas, Texas so travellers always have to fly through there.

A STUDY prepared by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) says that over the next 15 years the airlines will have to replace some 1,000 planes currently in use on their international scheduled services. They will need 1,500 more planes to meet the anticipated growth in the number of passengers.

But for the time being there are no signs that they will have the sum needed to acquire the new planes. The total cost of the new aircraft will be some \$100 billion, the airline's organization said. To raise that much money would normally require an industry-wide operating profit (before interest and taxes) of some 7.5 per cent. But the forecast for 1984 envisages a profit of only 4.5 per cent and in 1985 of only 3.9 per cent.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
9:00 Surprise Train 9:30 An Unwanted Guest 9:30 The Flaxton Boys 9:55 The Time Tunnel 10:35 Literature - *Sholem Aleichem* 10:55 Another Story 11:10 Here and There 11:30 Contact 11:55 Rehov Sumsum 16:25 Near Ones and Dear Ones 17:00 A New Evening - live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17:30 Smurfs
18:00 Book Look - children's book review
ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18:30 News roundup
18:35 Olympics roundup
18:45 Inventions and Innovations
19:00 Agriculture Today
19:30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20:00 with a news roundup
20:05 Olympics roundup
21:00 Mabat Newsweek
21:30 Mabat
22:05 The Laughing Policeman. Stuart Rosenberg's 1974 film stars Walter Matthau and Bruce Dern

22:55 News
00:05-01:00 The Los Angeles Olympics
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
18:30 Cartoons 19:00 French Hour 19:30 (JTV 3) That's Incredible 20:00 News in French 20:30 News in Hebrew 21:00 News in Arabic 21:30 Three's Company 22:10 Documentary 23:00 News in English 23:15 Hotel

MIDDLE EAST TV (From T.A. north):
13:00 Insight 13:30 Another Life 14:00 700 Club 14:30 Shape-up 15:00 Afternoon Movie 15:30 Incredible Hulk 17:00 Popeye 17:30 Super Book 18:00 Laramie 19:00 Bonanza 20:00 Another Life 20:30 World News Tonight 21:00 Entertainment Special, WKRP Cincinnati 21:30 Father Murphy 22:30 High Chaparral 23:00 700 Club 23:50 News Update

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music

6:02 Musical Clock
7:07 Rossini: Thieving Magpie, overture (Los Angeles, Mexico); Clementi: Sonata No. 2 (Natacha Tasson)
7:30 Mozart: Don No. 2, K.424 (Oscar and Eric Stumsky); Khachaturian: Piano Concerto (Alicia de Larrocha); Franck: Symphony; Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 (Los Angeles, Zukerman)

9:30 Beethoven: Septet, Op. 20; Liszt: Les Preludes (London Philharmonic, Sir Debussey: Nocturnes (Boston, Abbado); Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 2 (JSC, Bertini)

12:00 An Hour with Christa Ludwig, mezzo-soprano and Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, piano
13:05 Ballet Music by Purcell, Telemann, Mozart and Verdi
15:00 The Music of the Red Indians
15:30 Youth programme

16:30 From 1943 Berlin Festival - the Kreuzberg Quartet (Ilse Gronich, Friedburg Rind, Joachim Greiner, Peter Geschwind) - Beethoven: Quartet, Op. 74; Haydn: Quartet No. 14; Manuel Escobar: Quartet No. 4

18:00 Nahum Amir: Music for Strings (JSC, Talmi); Jossi Marbaim: In-to-na-ro

ARMY
6:00 Morning Sounds
6:30 News from Los Angeles - news magazine
7:30 Olympics Magazine
8:05 Press in Sandals - children's programme
9:05 House Call - with Rivka Michaeli
10:00 All Shades of the Network - morning magazine
12:10 Open Line - news and music
13:00 Midday - news commentary, music
14:06 A Taste of Honey - with Dan Kaner
16:10 Safe Journey
17:10 Economic Magazine
17:30 On Men and Figures
18:05 Press Conference
18:45 Today in Sport
19:30 The Middle East
20:05 Folklore Magazine
21:15 Song for the Road
22:05 Stage and Screen
23:05 Night Games

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Supergirl; Edison: Beat Street; Habimah: My Tutor 7, 9; BMX Bandits 10, 30, 4; Kfir: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 4, 6, 45; Savage Islands 10, 30 a.m.; Mitchell: The Dresser 6, 45, 9; Orpheus: Muppets Take Manhattan 10, 30, 4, 6; Orion: Zorro Story 7, 9; Maya the Bee 10, 30 a.m.; 4: Orion: Police Academy; Ron: Botany: Seminars: Terms of Endearment 7, 9, 15; Blayney Ha'mme Weif the Never Never 7, 9; Cinema One: Wolf 5, 45; Casablanca 7, 30; Never Cry 9, 15; Israel Museum: Operation Thunderbolt 3, 30; Star Wars 5, 45; Casablanca 8; Cinematheque: Late Spring.

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THE OLYMPICS

Too much red, white, blue, gold

LOS ANGELES (AP) - These Games of the 23rd Olympiad have become an American Olympics, a red, white, blue - and gold - crescendo that has almost drowned out the other 139 national anthems.

The United States has won almost half of the gold medals contested thus far, and even some U.S. fans are embarrassed by the riches.

The Games of Los Angeles, which reached their midway point on Saturday night, have been a big, brassy celebration of Americans. The torch relay was the longest ever. The opening ceremony was hailed as the most dramatic. The American team quickly won more medals than anyone else. And a lot more. Too much of a good thing, even some Americans think.

"Americans do like to see Americans win medals, but it's gotten to the point where you want to see the other competitors win some," said Jim McKay, ABC-TV's Olympic anchorman.

The cheers are louder for the Americans. The crowds are bigger when the Americans are in contention. The stands are usually a sea of American flags.

"We are much calmer in our countries, not so full of patriotism," said a Swedish official who asked not to be identified. "We're used to spectators screaming, but this is a bit too much."

Some stunning U.S. performances have fuelled patriotic feelings that peaked on Wednesday night when a sextet of clean-cut young gymnasts upset China for the men's team gymnastics title.

It continued on Friday night when a capacity crowd at Pauley Pavilion joined 16-year-old gold medalist Mary Lou Retton in singing the national anthem after she beat Rumanian Ecaterina Szabo by the skin of her teeth in the women's all-around gymnastics competition. When Szabo seemed to have the gold medal buttoned up, the judges

Mary Lou says she can handle an adoring public

LOS ANGELES (AP) - America's new sweetheart Mary Lou Retton, the 16-year-old tomboy gymnast, says she can handle all the adulation that comes with winning the Olympic all-around gold medal.

"I'm going to love it," Retton said with a laugh when she was asked if she could cope with public acclaim like that given Rumania's Nadia Comaneci, the all-around gold medalist at the 1976 Montreal games.

"I don't know whether I'll get that kind of response. I might, but I just don't know. But I like the exposure," she said. "I think it's neat. I think all the athletes should draw some kind of exposure for all the hard work."

Retton fielded questions with the aplomb and infectious smiles she used in her crowd-pleasing, highly athletic routines. Her coach, Bela Karolyi, sat at her side.

Karolyi, who had trained Comaneci in Rumania before he defected to the U.S. in 1981 and discovered Retton, said the champion's "hard



THE NONPAREIL - Ed Moses heading for hold and victory No. 105

Decker is full of surprises

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A radiant Mary Decker arrived at the Olympic Games on Sunday, claiming it was a miracle she'd be able to race and slyly announcing her engagement.

Five weeks of doubt that she would even be here, Decker said, made her "extremely hungry" going into her 3,000m. race on Friday against the likes of Britain's Zola Budd, Rumania's Marica Puica and West Germany's Brigitte Kraus.

Decker strained her right Achilles tendon in the U.S. Olympic trials and feared she would need surgery to mend the damage. But a painful injection of cortisone and fluid seems to have done the job. She set a world record on Friday night in a time of 4:12.27, 2,000 metres.

"For a while, I thought one more time, I wasn't going to be able to run and achieve my goal," said Decker, who couldn't go to Montreal in 1976 because of leg injuries and missed Moscow in 1980 because of the boycott. "It's a miracle I'm here and I'm going to be able to compete."

Compete she will. But Decker, flashing a diamond ring, coyly slipped in another piece of news when asked what she'd do after the Olympics. "I plan to keep on training, and I do plan to get married afterward," said Decker, recently divorced from runner Ron Tabb.

"We don't expect to have time to plan or arrange a wedding until sometime in 1985," Silence. And then U.S. Olympic committee spokesman Mike Moran introduced Decker's fiancé, British discus thrower Richard Slaney.



PERFECT MATCH - Mary Decker and fiancé, British discus thrower Richard Slaney

Drugs raise their ugly head

LOS ANGELES - Steroids, once an athletic secret but now public knowledge, have surfaced at the Olympics, and the sophisticated drug detection system has led to three disqualifications and a change in the wrestling medal standings.

The third case of steroid use came to light on Sunday, when Swedish team official Wolf Lyberg revealed that a Greco-Roman wrestler from his country, silver medalist Thomas Johansson, was being disqualified because traces of the drug had been found in the athlete's urine.

One lifter from Lebanon and another from Nigeria, neither of them medal winners, had been disqualified on Saturday when urine analysis revealed steroids in their systems. Prior to the competition, a pair of Canadian weightlifters were sent home by their national federation after results of tests made in Canada turned up evidence of steroid use before the Games.

The widespread use of steroids, thought to help build muscle mass, was first revealed on a large scale at last year's Pan American Games in Caracas. The drug testing there, similar to the state-of-the-art system

Having a good fortnight...

By PHIL DAVISON

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Apart from the American national anthem, the thing you are most likely to hear at the 1984 Olympics Games is the phrase "Have a Good Day."

It's everywhere: sometimes mouthed seductively by an attractive young Olympic hostess, sometimes barked like an order by an armed city policeman.

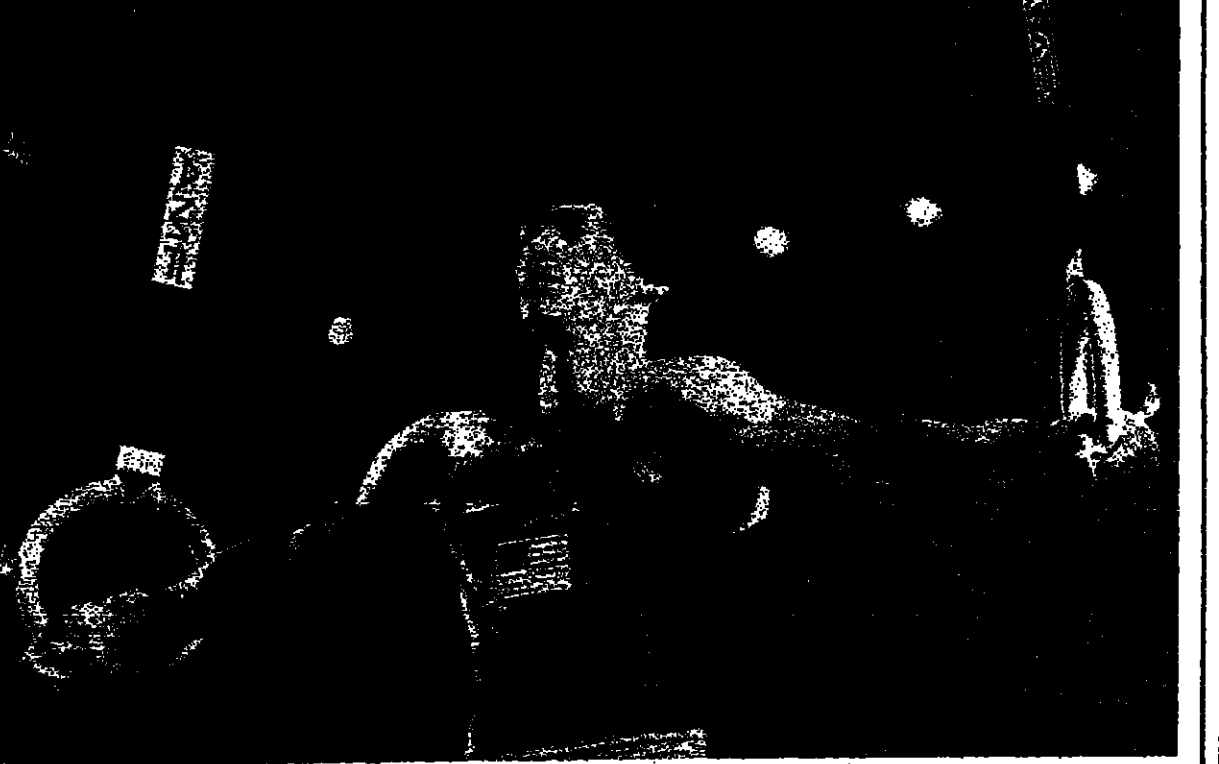
But it's always meant well, as Los Angeles citizens try to ensure that thousands of foreign athletes, Olympic officials, journalists and tourists leave with a good impression.

"Where ya from?" is another favourite. When the reply is "Scotland", it gets repeated with a different set of vowels. "Seatin?" My great grandmother was English. Great lady. And a family history is narrated.

"Ya got any pins?" is a recurrent theme, too, as "Angelinos" (Los Angeles residents) indulge in the latest fad, collecting brouche-like lapel pins from various nations.

"Pedicabs" - rickshaw-like bicycles with two rear seats - are a popular form of transport for Olympic

Israel apart, number of Jewish Olympiads dwindles



MITCH GAYLORD - made his mark

By TOM TUGEND

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LOS ANGELES - The sizeable (33 strong) Israeli contingent apart, the number of Jewish sportsmen and women at the Olympics appears to be on the decline compared to previous Games. That is the assessment of American sports historians specializing in the subject.

The U.S. this time has twelve competing Jewish athletes, undoubtedly the most prominent being the brilliant gymnast Mitch Gaylord who has already played so vital a role in lifting the U.S. to its first ever Olympic Gold in the men's section of the event. The other Jews in the American squad are taking part in judo, pistol shooting, fencing, rowing, cycling, and track and field events.

There are also half-a-dozen coaches who are Jewish including an Israeli now living in the U.S., Arie Selinger. He has done a grand job in

coaching the impressive US women's volleyball team that is challenging seriously for a medal.

The representation of Jewish athletes from other countries will be quite low this year, reflecting both the Soviet bloc boycott and a gradual worldwide decline in Jewish participation since the Modern Games started in 1896.

With the backgrounds of many participants unknown, few other Jewish athletes could be identified by George Eisen and Jim Jacobsen, two local sports historians specializing on the Jewish role in athletics.

Johan Harmerberg of Sweden, was a top fencer at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, and is expected to do equally well this time. Another fencer, Paul Klepman, tennis players Rina Einy and Stuart Bale, fencing coach Allan Jay and wrestling coach Herbert Jacobs are Jewish members of the British team.

By sheer percentages, probably

John Carlos: From Black Power to Olympic official

By PAUL MAJENDIE

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - John Carlos shocked the world in 1968 when he raised his clenched fist in a Black Power salute at the Mexico Olympics. Today he is an Olympic official.

When he and Tommie Smith made their protest on the victory podium after the 200 metres, the wrath of the International Olympic Committee descended on them and they were sent home in disgrace within 48 hours.

Both their marriages broke up and job-hunting proved a nightmare. Smith finally got a job as a track coach in Ohio, later moving to California.

Carlos, plunged into debt for two years, went reluctantly into American football, playing for the Philadelphia Eagles. But he had to wait until 1977 before a lifelong ambition came true and he started a youth development programme in Los Angeles to keep ghetto youngsters off the streets and in the classroom.

U.S. establishment journalists denounced the pair as 'Black-skinned Storm Troopers.' But by 1982 Carlos' life had come full circle with an ironic twist - the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing committee hired him for promotional and liaison work with the Black Ghetto.

At 39, he has no regrets about the gesture that changed his life. "We had the right to do what we did. God was with me when I did it," he says.

"Black people honoured and respected America and we felt America should honour and respect them," he added. He argues it was an eloquent expression of non-violent pro-

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Games inspire craziness

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - A low-slung chair made of jockstraps is at one of the zanier off-shoots of the 1984 Summer Games - the unofficial Olympics sports furniture show.

The games have inspired artists in Los Angeles, the mad metropolis of crazy California. Larry Whiteley, who runs a folk art gallery, says an old table made of three baseball bats gave him the idea for the show.

"I was thinking what I could do for the Olympics except leave town," he said, reclining in the "K.O. chair" - a boxing ring corner with ropes serving as arm rests and the seats padded with boxing gloves.

Exhibits include a chair made of 30 ice hockey goalie sticks and 118 pucks, the jockstrap special with essential male sporting equipment stretched across the frame, and a grandfather clock in the shape of a basketball player.

SPORTSLETTERS

Gymnastics - not sport

To the Sports Editor

Sir, - There are many sports that I would like to see in the Olympic Games that are presently not included. One sport that I think should be included is gymnastics.

Don't get me wrong, I think gymnastics is a beautiful thing. It shows beautiful form and movements. But so does good dancing.

Gymnastics points are accorded only in terms of the opinion of a panel of judges. Not that the officials are incompetent, but it seems to me that gymnastics is an exhibition

Nobody would sell anyway

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The value of winning an Olympic gold medal can't be measured in dollars, but the prize itself is worth less at the bank.

The much-covered gold medal actually is silver-coated with .65 grams of 24-karat gold, or 5.2 percent of the medal's weight. The actual cost of the medal totalled \$130, although its value will fluctuate along with gold prices.

Olympic officials say the silver and bronze medals, however, are 100% pure. Their actual value was not established.

A total of 1,454 Olympic sports medals will be awarded during the two-week Games.

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Doing what isn't done

THE LIKUD's noisy insistence on conducting concurrent negotiations to establish a coalition under its aegis even after President Herzog charged Alignment leader Shimon Peres with that task constitutes a slap in the face to the President and to the basic constitutional rules of the game governing our political system.

It is of a piece with the Likud's previous determination to take their revenge on outgoing Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin for conscientiously carrying out his duties during the fateful Knesset vote on the holding of early elections last March.

President Herzog correctly analyzed the paramount needs of the hour and the mood of the nation in urging establishment of a broad government which would include the Alignment and the Likud. It may well be, however, that the Likud's unwillingness to reconcile itself to the loss of the premiership and its apparent determination to do all in its power to delay and undermine the establishment of a new government will leave this option in the realm of the hypothetical.

The President was also absolutely right in pressing a sense of urgency on Mr. Peres and on the party representatives with whom he must negotiate.

The normal course of events in such negotiations has always been to conduct a war of nerves over the maximum 42 days allowed by the law with each side hoping that the other will eventually cave in.

The lengths to which such wars of nerves go was illustrated in 1974, while the country was still fully mobilized in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War. At that time it took the announcement of a war scare on the Syrian front to get the National Religious Party to give in on the "Who is a Jew" issue and enter Golda Meir's short-lived cabinet at the last moment.

It should be clear to all that the gravity of the economic situation leaves no time for such delay.

Of the many unsatisfactory possibilities for a government emerging from the elections the least harmful would be a Labour-Likud government, which would exclude the small parties and get ahead with the job of dealing with the economy on an emergency basis for an agreed term. If the Likud is unwilling to go along with this solution in good faith, there are other options.

The Alignment, Shinui, the CRM, Ezer Weizman, Yigael Hurwitz, and Aharon Abuhazzeira could form a narrow government, if joined by the NRP's four seats and the Aguda's two. If the two religious parties refuse to go along it would still be possible to form a minority coalition of all the other lists mentioned above with the support in the Knesset of the Rakah Communists and the Arab Progressives.

Weizman, Hurwitz and Abuhazzeira are on record as being opposed to forming a coalition that would be dependent on the votes of the Arab lists. Their opposition should be tempered however once they come to realize that there are no viable alternatives to such an option in the first stage.

Such a minority government would make it possible to give Weizman the Foreign Ministry, Hurwitz Finance and Abuhazzeira the Ministry of Religious Affairs which he has vowed to wrest from the hands of his NRP opponents.

Faced with the probability of the loss of this latter ministry, the likelihood of the NRP's swallowing hard and joining such a coalition at the last moment would be close to 100 per cent.

As for the Aguda, the Alignment's experience in 29 years and the Likud's in the last seven, is that this party, which has always eschewed identification with Zionism, can always be persuaded with the cheapest of political coin, funds.

If such a second stage can be achieved it is possible that the predicted split-away of a large segment of the Liberals from the Likud, and their inclusion in an even broader coalition can be effected in a third stage.

Politics being what it is, the assumptions on which such a scenario are based are fluid indeed. But what should be driven home to the political actors is that such assumptions must be put to the test and the risks should be taken in 21 days rather than in 42 days.

For if the economy continues to march to one drummer and our political system to another, there will soon be nowhere to march to.

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was crowded with pilgrims participating in Tisha Be'av mourning services.

The troops also surrounded a rally in the square outside the mosque and accompanied the procession up to the cemetery, which overlooks the town. "Of course we took precautions - who knows what these crazies could be cooking up?" confided one of the senior officers on the scene.

The "crazies" he was referring to were a motley crowd of perhaps 100 people, some of them bussed in from outside Hebron. They included a large number of Jews formerly from the U.S., Yemen, Morocco and even Ethiopia. Many of the men were armed with at least large automatics stuck into their belts, while others had M-16s, Kalashnikovs and Uzi submachine guns slung over their shoulders.

At the rally outside the mosque, two new Knesset members from Kiryat Arba, Rabbis Eliezer Waldman and Meir Kahane, addressed the crowd.

"It is unacceptable that Israel's status in Hebron should not find expression in a town of tens of thousands of Jews," Waldman said. "After all, we know that only by the assertion of Jewish-Israeli sovereignty here will things be good for us, for our neighbours and for the whole world."

Deputy Minister Dov Shilanski told the crowd that "wherever holy texts are desecrated, so will the Jewish people be desecrated. Wherever

the Torah is torn and cut, so will throats be cut."

The ceremony was supposed to be religious and sad, but Kahane's appearance and words before the crowd prompted applause. Taking a swipe at many of his associates among the leaders of the Jewish residents in the West Bank, Kahane charged that whoever talks of coexistence with the Arabs is guilty of shedding the blood of the Jews killed in Hebron and of the desecration of the texts.

"The Arabs are not to blame," he said. "We are, for the primal sin of 1967, when we did not take the God-given opportunity to drive out all the damned from the country." Kahane also promised to bring his message before the "illy-divided hellenizers in the Knesset, where, with the help of God, I will sit next week."

Levinger, who spoke at the graveside, criticized Kahane for talking of "hellenizers." "We must remember that the temple was destroyed because of unfounded hate. We must remove the term 'mityavanim' (hellenizers) from our lexicon."

But the goateed rabbi, who beside Kahane appears a distinct moderate, was still outraged by the attitude of the Judea and Samaria civil administration, which has tried to play down the significance of the discovery of the torn pages. "That is a scandal. We demand tougher, firmer, harsher measures against those who do things like this. Is this the civil administration for the Arabs, for Islam?" he asked.

After the ceremony ended and the crowd dispersed, there was a minor incident outside a nearby Arab home, when one of the mourners alleged that children in the house had thrown a stone at him. Levinger was on hand, again demanding firmer action. "The ineptitude of the government is responsible for the existence of the underground," he said, referring to the trial of alleged anti-Arab Jewish terrorists now before a court in Jerusalem. "Do you want that to happen again?"

PANDORA'S BOX

By REUVEN HAMMER

PERHAPS THE MOST dangerous part of the election of Meir Kahane to the Knesset is that it has turned into that classic phenomenon, Pandora's box, the apparently innocuous chest which, once opened, allows the escape of evil beings which cannot be recaptured. We have already witnessed violence against Beduin in the name of Kahane. If such a man and his positions are legitimized by election to the Knesset, every fanatic in the population is vindicated, every impulse to violence, every excuse for hatred, is admissible. All of the extremism that was hidden and therefore under control is released and freed to come out into the open under the cover of not overt tutelage of the MK who represents it.

Kahane's election should not come as a complete surprise. It is, in fact, the latest chapter in a series of events which have been leading to the logical conclusion of an attempt to rid Israel of all Arabs by whatever means. In a sense, it is the latest and hopefully the last step in the process of self-revelation about ourselves - the Jewish people - which is the most painful part of our return to the stage of world history: that Jews are really like anyone else, no worse but no better.

The message of early Zionism, its desire for normalcy, was that Jews need not be weaklings, need not be powerless, need not be divorced from productivity and manual labour, need not depend on others for sustenance or protection. Jews can govern themselves, proclaimed an essentially secular Zionism, and can create a nation state which will compare favourably with free, enlightened nations anywhere. Thus we will be a "normal people."

Those of us committed to a religious interpretation of Jewish tradi-

tion were always concerned that this desire for normalcy ignored the claim of Jewish uniqueness, the imperative that we be "a holy nation and a kingdom of priests," and would result in assimilation and the creation of just another Levantine state. Ironically enough, we now see that the claims made for Jewish uniqueness in the name of religion can be just as dangerous as, if not more so than, the secular aspiration to normalcy, for it has led us to what has been most common among mankind: violence, warfare, hatred and racism. We have, indeed, become as normal a people as all the nations, and that is the worst thing we could have done to ourselves.

THOSE ON THE radical right may not realize that this is what they have created. They themselves may not be infected with the racism and hatred of a Kahane, but they have spawned Jewish terrorism that is not mere words but has resulted in the murder or maiming of human beings, the most severe violation of God's commandments.

The appearance of Kahane, who long ago forfeited the right to the honoured title of rabbi, has carried the process to such an extreme that even the other extremists have condemned him. It is true that only 1.2 per cent of the population voted for him. But we must not delude ourselves into dismissing this as a matter of small importance, because the Pandora's box effect of evil is too powerful to be ignored, especially when the ground is ready for the sowing of such seeds. The real military threat by surrounding enemy nations, the need to control a massive hostile population combined with an unstable fiscal situation, may indeed spawn anti-democratic forces among us. Extremism is already a

fact of our daily lives.

All our denunciation of Germany and of the world for their silence has rested upon the assumption that Jews would never commit such evil. Although I hope that there is still some truth in this, it is no longer completely tenable. The existence of Jewish criminality, gangsterism, murder and prostitution was bad enough for our self-esteem. We were shaken that Israeli Jews had become a powerful force in European and American criminal life: but that we also have fascists and racists indicates that it was not moral superiority but lack of power that kept us from exercising religious persecution and racial hatred, from initiating pogroms and inquisitions of our own.

ONE SPECULATES, with trepidation, about what we would have done had we and not Christianity won the battle for control of the world. Perhaps that is what the rabbi meant when he said that it is preferable to be among the persecuted than among the persecutors.

What we really want, however, is neither to suffer at the hands of others nor to make others suffer at our hands; and we are not finding that easy. We are called upon to resist the temptations of power. We dare not forget that the prophetic denunciations of the leaders and the people were for moral sins and for the corruption that power brings.

There are two primary sins connected with Jewish power in our history: the sin of Bar Kochba and the sin of Simeon and Levi.

The first was the sin of irrational belief in the infinite power of Jewish arms, regardless of the realities of the situation. The price we paid was untold slaughter and destruction, leading to prolonged exile and an

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abnegation of power and resignation to galut which we have just overcome.

The second is more pertinent to our attitude to the Arabs, for it was the sin of believing that because we had been wronged, any and all means were legitimate for combating the perceived enemy. Jacob's family had made a pact with the people of Shechem which they proceeded to violate in the most cowardly way. For this Jacob never forgave them, cursing them in their cruel anger on his deathbed. Shall we repeat this sin with those who live with us and to whom we have pledged peace and equality?

It was the good people of Germany who allowed Hitler to do what he did. Some were otherwise decent

human beings, but they allowed themselves to be swayed into believing that a strong leader could save them - and what matter if some Jews suffered? It was for the good of the country and of the German people.

We as Jews are supposed to learn from our history and to act as we should have wanted others to act towards us. As Hillel taught, "That which is abhorrent to you, do not do to another human being."

If Israel is to survive, we shall have to follow the real teachings of our religion and not the teachings of hatred and bigotry which the prophets of falsehood are preaching to us.

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Politics of coercion

By DROR ZEIGERMAN

As I promised, I voted against those laws, and against the bill to stop El Al flights on Shabbat.

Ehrlich was proved right when he said "the Alignment and the media in Israel want to bring down the Likud at all costs and their intentions are not pure." I regret that not one Knesset member from the Alignment, Shinui or the CRM has stated his opinions as I did in 1981. Where are Shulamit Aloni, Amnon Rubinstein, Morele Baron and Yossi Sarid?

They have been absorbed, not in Herut but in the world view that forming a government is worth any price. The amendment of the Who Is a Jew and the archeology laws are different from each other. The common denominator is that both damage the Zionist quality of life in the State of Israel. The archeology law would invest the Chief Rabbi with the power to decide where archaeological digs may be conducted in Israel. This would have the effect, according to the late Professor Yigael Yadin and according to Professor Benjamin Mazar, of ending archaeological research in Israel and, as a result, of ending education based on the past for Israeli youth.

The Alignment and the Likud are about to sacrifice the history of the Jewish people for power; for a government which relies on a small, anti-Zionist party for its majority.

THE AMENDMENT of the Who Is a Jew law means that a conversion carried out by Reform and Conservative rabbis will not be recognized in Israel. These two movements which represent the majority of American Jewry, send thousands of youngsters on programmes to Israel. And the leaders of these movements raise large sums of money for the economy of Israel. They are also among the activists for Israel in the U.S. administration, in the Senate and in Congress.

If the law is passed, we are saying, in effect, that we do not need them. We are creating an unnecessary schism between Israel and the Diaspora which could cause an economic and political disaster for Israel. Can we really afford to alienate such groups?

The Orthodox demand for amending the Who Is a Jew law has far-reaching consequences even beyond conversion. The annual number of converts who make aliyah is small and unimpressive. We are witness to a power struggle in American Jewry, the Orthodox wish to take away whatever power the other two movements have, and I doubt

whether the Knesset has the moral right to act in a matter which will affect the majority of American Jewry.

SO WHAT is the solution? How is it possible to form a coalition without bowing to the demands of the religious parties? The only solution is the creation of a national unity government for a limited period of time whose tasks should be to rehabilitate the economy, to change the electoral system, to prevent the adoption of anti-Zionist laws, and to prevent the surrender to religious and ethnic blackmail.

The Liberal Party is faced with a unique opportunity to rebuild itself and change its public image. My party must declare that it will not take part in a small coalition and will not bow to small-party blackmail.

The 13 Liberal Party MKs can force the Likud into a national unity government. I would also expect to see 13 members of Knesset from the Alignment, Shinui and the CRM declare that they, too, will not support a small coalition of 61 led by the Alignment which will give in to the demands of religious parties.

It is true that a national unity government could, in certain circumstances, become a paralysed government. Under the influence of certain individuals whose outlook I oppose, such a government could become powerless. But a national unity government for a short period is preferable to a narrow coalition of 61.

The writer is an outgoing Liberal Party MK.

READERS' LETTERS

ELECTORAL REFORM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - As the dust settles from the shambles of the elections, many suggestions are being advanced for an improvement of the Israeli electoral system, the most frequent among them being the increase of the "threshold" from 1 to 3-5 per cent. In my opinion, this would prove just as untenable as the present level, and the minimum would have to be raised to 10-15 per cent in order to keep small groups out of the Knesset.

If the figures for this latest election are taken as the likely outcome of the next election, the following groupings would see exactly the same people as MKs as are now trying so hard to form a government even if the "threshold" were raised to 5 per cent:

N.R.P. - Shas - Morasha - Agudat Yisrael - Tami = 11.4 per cent. Tehiya - Kach = 5.2 per cent. Shinui - C.R.M. - Yahad - Ometz = 8.4 per cent. D.F.P.E. - P.L.P. = 5.2 per cent.

It is equally conceivable and even probable that these blocs would split after the elections for the same reasons, noble or ignoble, that they had formed as small parties in the first place, thus throwing the whole country into confusion as the coalition scramble begins anew. It follows that what is required is a different electoral system.

I would like to second Yosef Goell's call for constituency government. Under this system, geog-

THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - In their platforms, Shinui and the C.R.M. have anti-religious planks aimed at Israel's tradition and the halacha, the main purpose of which is to change the religious status quo. Rubinstein and Aloni want to prevent an amendment to the "Who is a Jew" law, deal with the conscription of religious girls and marriage and public transportation on Sabbath, etc. They announced that they would join the Alignment, which had also outlined a programme for wide-ranging reforms in religious matters.

On the basis of this desire to change the status quo in religious matters (which was initiated by the late David Ben-Gurion), it is logical to presume that many regular Alignment supporters refrained from voting for Labour this time.

Ben-Gurion managed the affairs of state with great wisdom and cooperated with the religious parties of his time. But his disciples, Peres, Navon and their supporters, instead of following in his steps, preferred to collaborate with Amnon Rubinstein and Shulamit Aloni, who want to undermine and neutralize the influence of the religious parties, thus damaging the foundations of halacha. Peres and Navon were not smart enough to see what would happen.

In view of the election results, the Alignment leaders are now forced to change their tune and beg every religious M.K. for help, so that the Alignment can form the next government.

In conclusion, it is safe to say that, because of their war against religion, Shinui and the CRM caused the Alignment to lose its opportunity to return to power.

MORDECHAI OPHIR
Jerusalem.

The women's movement has come a long way from embracing another woman because she is a woman. Our women leaders must represent and respond to our needs and rights - and if they do not - we should not permit them to make personal political gains on our account.

ELISHEVA EDEN
Tel Aviv

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - with regard to the recently established National Committee on the Status of Women, set up by minister Sara Doron, I think it is important for those organizations involved to remember that Sara Doron has a dismal record when it comes to supporting and representing issues pertaining to women's rights. To be more specific, in the ninth Knesset, she voted against amending the law on abortion which

would have allowed to terminate pregnancy for social reasons.

DAVID STERN
Haifa

PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - Rabbi Kahane now safely ensconced behind his parliamentary immunity has promised to harass the state, challenging the very concept of law and order.

Parliamentary immunity was a privilege laid down by the Mother of Parliaments to assure freedom of speech to the elected representatives of the people. As was immunity from arrest of the person, much restricted to specific cases (like attending as witnesses to subpoenas) as time went on. The basis of these privileges was to protect the House from the wiles and wrath of despotic monarchs.

By adopting similar rules for different conditions, the Knesset opened its doors to crooks whose evil gains provided them with the wherewithal to get elected and so escape retribution at the hands of justice. And so, in Israel, this ancient privilege is used for placing the Knesset Members above the law.

PENFRIENDS

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